

## Public meetings keep everyone informed

We would like to see more public meetings where the citizens meet face to face with selected officials and exchange ideas. We would like to see a public meeting with the entire Carbondale police department. The citizens should learn more about the local policemen's problems, and the police officers (not just the chief) should learn how most of the local citizens

Yesterday I received a letter from FMW and it contained this note, plus the material on Elizabethan love that is given on the following page.

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I keep thinking about how much you  
loved Macy's Christmas windows with  
their commedia dell'arte costumes  
from the Met. Opera's collection.  
We should think about having a  
commedia dell'arte Christmas with  
authentic feast etc. Was talking with Taffe  
yesterday about period clothes. She has a  
maiden's dress and Hermes has chain mail from  
their table waiting days at the Cloisters.  
They would bow scrap and possibly scrub floors  
for such a fun dinner invitation.

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Thank you Phil. Yes, one year ago — January 6, 1983, we had a tour meeting in the BBC.

9 AM - 230 PM - at home; Jov arrives; Jean & Lila arrive; Call to Stern; cancellations

330-8PM - City Hall; Charlotte & Joe; no dumpster; window repair

830 - 11 PM - Mr & Mrs. Michael Steffens; Mr & Mrs. C. [unclear]

11 PM - too late to return to City Hall.

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## Letters to the editor

One of the many  
letters to the editor  
this week. He  
only types in the  
second word from  
the end -- instead  
of "Historical" read  
"Historical."

## Broken promises

To the Editor:

Thank you for publishing in the NEWS of December 21, 1983 ("Broken Promises," page 4), my letter of December 16, 1983, to Mr. P.X. Biglin, Senior Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D.C., regarding the Main Street substation of the United States Postal Service that was promised to the citizens of Carbondale by former postmaster Gerald H. Barrett at the Town Meeting of December 1, 1983, in the Berean Baptist Church.

On December 30, 1983, I received a letter from Arthur Porwick, Regional Director, Customer Services Department, Eastern Regional Office, United States Postal Service, Philadelphia. In that letter, Mr. Porwick states: "The decision on whether or not to establish an additional service facility is under the jurisdiction of the Sectional Center Manager, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who has the delegated responsibility for the operation of all post offices in your area. I have referred your request to the Sectional Center Manager for a thorough and careful review. His decision, which that will be carefully evaluated and all relevant factors considered."

On January 6, 1984, John P. Turnbach, Sectional Center Manager, Lehigh Valley, wrote me a letter in which he states: "Permit me to first apologize for the irresponsible actions of the former Postmaster

(Gerald P. Barrett) if he did promise the customers of Carbondale any type of postal facility on Main Street. As stated in previous correspondence to you, the Postmaster was not acting within the scope of his authority in this matter. Mr. Biglin specified in his letter dated December 22, 1982, the new facility will meet present and future postal needs of the city.

"At the present time the suggested location (the old post office) does not meet the criteria governing any type of contract unit, station, branch, or finance station. The postal service appreciates your concern for the postal customers in the Carbondale area. The postal service strives to provide effective service, and customer feedback is very important to attain this goal. I regret under the circumstances that I cannot give you a more favorable reply. If ever I can be of assistance to you in any other matter relating to the postal service, please feel free to let me know."

please feel free to let me know." The letter was signed by John P. Turnbull having both misread my letter of December 16, 1983, to F.X. Biglin. I did not ask that a substation be established in the old post office building. I did ask that the United States Postal Service make good on its promise to the citizens of Cardonville—a promise made by an official of the United States Postal Service, Gerald P. Barrett—that a substation of the Postal Service be located somewhere on Cardonville's Main Street following the move of this Postal Service from the old building to the new facility. There is no question that this promise was made and that must stand. The United States Postal Service has not yet fulfilled its promise to the citizens of Cardonville makes me—and other residents of Cardonville—very angry.

As a matter of public record, I have sent copies of all correspondence between myself and the United States Postal Service, in the period November 30, 1983-January 6, 1984, to Congressman Joseph M. McDade (2370 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515) and to Senator Bob Mellow (540 Main Street, Peckville, PA 18452), and have asked them to help us, the citizens of Carbondale, in our quest for service from the United States Postal Service.

Sincerely yours,  
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Historical Society